

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

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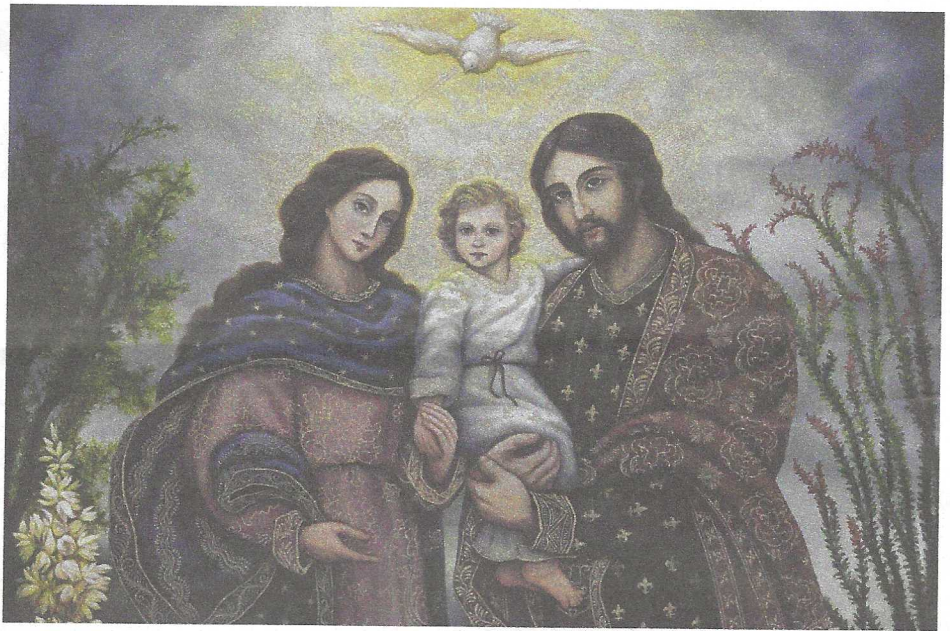
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Christmas Season

Holy Family and Mary, Mother of God



OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Clergy

Rev. Brian Van Fossen	Pastor
Rev. Richard Gyansah-Tabiri	Assistant
Deacon Gene Blockus	Deacon

Staff Members

	Stewardship Coordinator
Ann Rish	Office & Bulletin Coordinator
Daniel Kotsko	Faith Formation Coordinator
Amanda Matysik	Youth and Young Adult Minister
Matt Shaul	Sacred Music Coordinator
Chris Janusz	Maintenance Coordinator

Sacraments

Baptism: Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to call the Parish Office to schedule a preparation session and the tentative date.

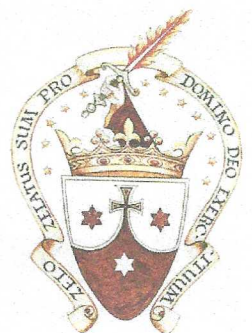
Matrimony: Couples planning to enter into Holy Matrimony are to call the office at least one year prior to set a tentative date and schedule Pre-Cana.

Reconciliation: Please consult the bulletin for dates and times or call one of our priests for an appointment.

Hospital and Homebound: Please call the office for First Friday or Anointing.

Priesthood and Religious Life: Contact our priests for an appointment.

“Mary did you know?” is my second least favorite song attributed to Christmas next to “Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer”. There are so many statements in the song that ask if Mary knew that Jesus was the Son of God. The song also questions the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Today’s celebration, however, is in direct opposition to the song. Today we celebrate two major solemnities in the Christmas Season, Holy Family and Mary, Mother of God. Jesus could have come into the world with equal silence and mystery as a young man beginning His ministry. However, God decided to sanctify the family first by coming as a child. The message of Gabriel to Mary and Joseph was that Jesus is Emmanuel, God is with us. “She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.” (Mt 1:21) St. Joseph had a great responsibility to protect, provide and preside over the first domestic Church. The Blessed Mother had the great providence to nurture, nourish, and love the Son of God, her own child. As the New Year begins may the Divine Providence of God be with you and your families. May St. Joseph guard and guide them and the Blessed Mother wrap them in the mantle of her protection. May the child Jesus inspire and enliven your faith and hope. Mary did know! May your faith inspire your life to live as a Holy Family. (And may Grandma not get run over.) God’s Peace, Fr. Brian





Mass Intentions

**January 1-January 7
Solemnity of Mary**

- Sunday Vigil 5:30pm** Tracy Gototweski
by Steve & Mer Rish
- Monday 10:00am** Kellie Lyn Walsh
by Sandra Hopkins
- Wednesday 8:30 AM** Paul & Bertha Almeter
- Friday 8:30 AM** Ruthann Ryczak
- Saturday 8:30 AM** Intention of Priest
5:30 PM Raymond & Mary Kulakowski
by Helen, Bob, Mary, Brian, Justin
- The Epiphany of the Lord**
- Sunday 8:30 AM** All living & deceased Members
& Benefactors of OLMC
- 11:00 AM** Raymond S. Bartuski
by Barbara Baigis



First Friday and Saturday Devotions
January 5 @ 8:30 am
First Friday Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration, Prayers to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

January 6 @ 8:30 am
First Saturday Mass w/Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Eucharistic Adoration, Prayers to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and Confession



NOTICE

TEMPORARY CHANGE OF OFFICE HOURS

Office Hours	
Monday	9:00am - 4:00pm
Wednesday	9:00am - 4:00pm
Friday	9:00am - 4:00pm

If there is an immediate need please call St. Faustina Office at (570) 735-4833.

www.eucharisticrevival.org

Stewardship Report

Weekly Budget	\$2,787.51
Week Dec 17	\$2,668.33
Week Dec 24	\$3,437.00
To Date Budget	\$84,252.03
To Date Donations	\$78,428.48
Christmas Budget	\$16,391.10
To Date Donations	\$9,984.00
Total Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$12,230.65)



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Bishop's Annual Appeal

Parish Goal	\$19,000.00
Total Raised	\$12,702.00
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$6,298.00)
Participating Members	23.58%

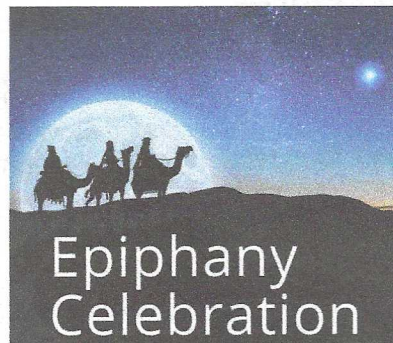
Stewardship
All things are possible with God



2023 Contribution Statements

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the success of our parish in 2023. Your time, talent and treasure has made it possible to worship the Lord, serve our neighbors and build our community. If anyone would like to request an end of year contribution statement, please contact the parish office.

570-477-5040 or email at olmchc@gmail.com



Epiphany Celebration

Rectory Open House

Fr. Brian and Fr. Richard would like to invite the parish to an open house at the rectory.

Sunday, January 7th
2pm - 6pm
38 West Church St.
Nanticoke, PA

We will provide the food and come provide the fellowship. It is our little gift to the parish to say **THANK YOU** and welcome the New Year!

Happy New Year 2024!

The Office will be closed
Monday, January 1st
 May God bless you in this new year!

Anniversary Dedication Book

Do you have a favorite Our Lady of Mount Carmel story or special memory you would like to share?

We would love to include it in our Parish 100th Anniversary Book. You are welcome to share via email: olmchc@gmail.com or mail to the parish office or simply drop it in the collection. Please label
"OLMC 100th Anniversary Memories"
 Deadline for submission
 December 31, 2023

Christmas Thank You(s)!

Thank you to all who helped decorate our church for the Christmas Season.

Thank you to our music ministry, servers, lectors, ushers and ministers of Holy Communion.

Thank you to everyone who came home and welcomed others home for Christmas. May God's grace continue!

Thank you *God* for the gift of your *presence*

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

Women's Retreat

Bold and Beloved

Inspired by the teaching of St. Thérèse of Lisieux

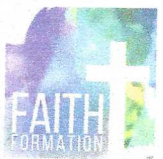
January 26-28, 2024

Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center
 1000 Seminary Rd, Dalton, PA 18414

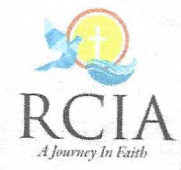
Kara Kardell
 Sinner striving for sainthood. Wife and mother of 3.

Fred Shellabarger
 Husband. Father. Spiritual Arsonist. Big Kid Who Loves Jesus.

Faith Formation Classes are on a little Christmas Break
 Dec. 24 to Jan 7



Confirmation classes will be held on the first Thursday of the month.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Is being offered at our parish for this coming season. RCIA is a wonderful way to explore Catholicism. This time is mostly for members of our community who want to explore becoming united more closely to the Catholic Church and Jesus Christ. It is for those who have been baptized and those who are not. If you or someone you know is interested in joining RCIA, please call the office. We would love to have you join our family of faith!

Youth Ministry Social Sunday
 January 7 4:30-6pm
 At St. Faustina Youth Center
 38 W Church St

YOUTH MINISTRY

Dinner will be provided. Bring a friend! RSVP to Amanda at youthmin@sfkparish.com

Open to Grades 7-12

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations

Thursday, January 4th
 7:00 PM

St. Maria Goretti Church
 42 Redwood Drive - Lafin